

Memorandum

TO: James Zumpf, ADOT, I-40 Profile TAC
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RE: Stakeholder involvement strategy

One component of the I-40 Regional Transportation Profile will be involvement of stakeholders. We expect to present information to stakeholders early in the process and to encourage them to participate in any public meetings that we hold. Stakeholders provide the opportunity for direct input from elected officials and knowledgeable staff from jurisdictions along the I-40 corridor.

Purpose

At these meetings we will present initial findings of Working Paper #1: Existing and Future Conditions and gather input on corridor needs and deficiencies for Working Paper #2. We also will provide an early opportunity for stakeholders to engage with the study. The types of questions we are likely to ask are:

- What plans are there for development along the corridor?
- Are there available comprehensive plans for cities and counties that can contribute to the study?
- Are there traffic counts on nearby routes or other data that might be useful to support the study?
- Are there other key issues that the stakeholders think we should know about moving forward?

Timeframe

We recommend holding a series of stakeholder meetings in October or early November at key locations along the corridor. We recommend holding three stakeholder meetings along the corridor, to which the following representatives would be invited:

1. Holbrook

- Holbrook and Winslow elected officials and/or staff
- Navajo and Apache County representatives
- Navajo tribal representative
- Holbrook district engineer
- TAC members

2. Flagstaff

- Flagstaff and Williams elected officials and/or staff
- Coconino and Yavapai County representatives
- Flagstaff district engineer
- TAC members

3. Kingman

- Kingman elected officials and/or staff
- Mohave County representative
- Kingman district engineer
- TAC members

Given the significance of freight movement in the corridor, we have also will encourage freight-specific stakeholders to attend the planned meetings. These key stakeholders include:

- Trucking companies utilizing the I-40 corridor;
- The Burlington Northern-Santa Fe Railroad;
- Representative from the proposed intermodal center in northern Arizona;
- Relevant TAC members and others who are particularly aware of freight issues in Northern Arizona.